

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 14 stand rejected under § 102 on the basis of Stanich et al. Independent claim 11 is now directed to a cutting tool, having several features not found in the cited reference. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 14 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of applicant's admitted prior art, Stanich et al. and Frenkel. Independent claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection, and applicant respectfully traverse because there is no motivation to combine the references to derive the claimed cutting tool, which is specially adapted for two handed operation, one hand actuating the trigger, and the other hand gripping a handle.

The only reference adapted for two handed operation is the Yamada patent, but Yamada describes a different type of device. More particularly, Yamada is directed to a grass cutter that extends from the arms to the ground, where the present invention is directed to a hand held tool used to repair cars and the like. Yamada does not have the claimed trigger on a body that is held by one hand, and the other references do not have the claimed rotatable handle. It would not have been obvious to combine the references, in part because it would not have been obvious that two handed operation in a trigger actuated hand tool would be beneficial. Grass cutters and hand tools are in different fields, and should not be combined. In any event, these references cannot be combined without the impermissible use of hindsight.

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Claims 12-13 and 15 stand rejected on the basis of several references.

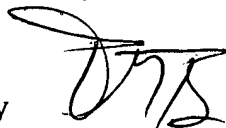
Applicant traverses this rejection for the reasons given with respect to independent claim 11.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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